accreditation body is signatory to Multilateral Arrangement (MLA) of mutual recognition. In the event of the certification body not being accredited or being accredited by an accreditation body which is not a MLA signatory, the authenticity of the certificates is doubtful.

SEZs in the country

2495. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) set up in the country so far, State-wise;

(b) whether the Special Economic Zones set up at Paradeep in Orissa has not been made operational; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) Eight Special Economic Zones located at Santa Cruz (Maharashtra), Cochin (Kerala), Kandla and Surat (Gujarat), Chennai (Tamil Nadu), Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh), Falta (West Bengal) and Noida (Uttar Pradesh) are at present functional.

(b) and (c) No SEZ has been set up at Paradeep in Orissa. Only an "in principle" approval has been given for setting up of a Special Economic Zone at Paradeep on the basis of the proposal received from the Government of Orissa. State Government has to select the developer for setting up the SEZ.

Export order of potato from foreign countries

†2496. SHRI JAYANTI LAL BAROT: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received order from any country for the export of potato;

(b) if so, the names of the countries from which Government have received export order togetherwith the quantum to be exported, year-wise; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.